

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED:

REPORT No:

ATTENTION:

Land Use and Housing Committee Chairman and Committee

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Planning & Community Investment

SUBJECT:

Ocean Discovery Institute, Land Acquisition

REQUESTED ACTION:

Authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement with Ocean Discovery Institute to allow \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to be expended for the acquisition of the property located at the 3200 block of Van Dyke Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Requested Action.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 established the Commuity Development Block Grannt (CDBG) Program, which is administered by the the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of San Diego (City) has received CDBG Entitlement funds annually since its inception. The overarching goal of the CDBG Program is to develop viable urban communitues through the provision of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic activities for persons of low and moderate income. The City, as a grantee, administers its CDBG Entitlement funds through the Economic Development Division of the City Planning & Community Investment Department. The Economic Development Division's CDBG staff is responsible for grant compliance and the overall administration of the City's CDBG Programs. Each year, the City is obligated to follow a HUD-defined "consolidated planning" process to ensure community involvement, project eligibility, and a strategic approach to utilizing CDBG funds.

The acquisition of this property is consistent with FY 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan Goal 2 – Outcome 2.4.1: "Increase the number of facilities in San Diego that serve persons with special needs." During FY 2009 and FY 2010, City Council allocated \$110,000 in CDBG funds to

Ocean Discovery Institute for the purchase of property to establish a permanent location for the Institute, which provides high-quality classroom, laboratory and field-based science education to over 38,000students through school-based and out-of-school programs.

The proposed acquisition is for the real property located at the 3200 block of Van Dyke Avenue ("Site") on the south side of Van Dyke Avenue. The Assessor Parcel Number (APN) is 476-183-04 (See Attachment 1). The City's Real Estate Assets Departments (READ) reviewed and approved an independent appraisal, conducted by Hendrickson Appraisal Company (AP630409) establishing the fair market value of the property at \$105,000. The expediture of \$100,000 in CDBG funds will be secured by a Second Note and Deed of Trust.

<u>FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:</u> The total budget for the purchase of the Site is \$115,000. The funding source for the purchase of the property will be as follows:

•CDBG Funds: \$100,000

•Other Non-City, Secured Funds: \$15,000

\$100,000 is available in FY 2009 and FY 2010 CDBG Funds

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

On March 11, 2009, by Resolution R-304705, City Council allocated \$110,000 to Ocean Discovery Institute for the purchase of property to establish a location for their Institute.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: N/A

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: N/A

